



**IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE**

In re Application of:

Hirokazu Yashiro et al.

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**REQUEST FOR CONTINUED EXAMINATION (RCE) TRANSMITTAL**

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Dear Sir:

This is a request for Continued Examination (RCE) under 37 CFR §1.114 of the above-identified application.

**SUBMISSION REQUIRED UNDER 37 CFR §1.114**

Applicants hereby request entry and consideration of the Amendment-After-Final filed on October 1, 2002. Also enclosed is a Petition for a Three-Month Extension of Time, thus extending the period for response to April 1, 2003.

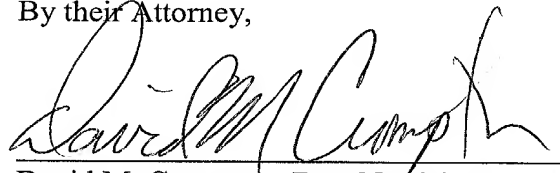
## FEES

The RCE fee (37 CFR §1.17(e)) in the amount of \$750.00 is attached. Please charge any additional fees required by this paper or credit any overpayment to Deposit Account No. 50-0413.

Respectfully submitted,

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